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§ Examiner: William L. Miller

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§ Group Art Unit: 3677

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2004, and to the Notice of Non-responsive Amendment mailed July 15, 2004 and November 15, 2004, enclosed are the following items for the above referenced U.S. Patent Application:

Supplemental Amendment, Amended Specification and Claims with Remarks including: Authorization to charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 03-0335.

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For your convenience, this transmittal letter is provided in triplicate. Should you wish to discuss this application with Agent for Applicant, please call Michael P. Hartmann at (713) 939-2749 or facsimile (713) 939-2856.

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2004, and to the Notice of Non-responsive Amendment mailed July 15, 2004 and November 15, 2004 please consider the additional Remarks regarding the rejection of claim 11 as anticipated by Fontenot USP 5,184,681. The additional Remarks are highlighted in gray so they can readily be found by the Examiner. The balance of the Amendment is the same as what was previously filed with the exception that the location of the specification change has been specified and the previously amended claims have been changed in the introductory description to say previously presented.

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